## CLAIMS

1.     A method for providing a software application service over the Internet comprising:

     (a)     accessing a service site on the Internet;

     (b)     authenticating a user for access to said software application service through a log-in process, through said service site;

     (c)     authorizing said user for access to a selected software application provided by said service;

     (d)     sending a service request form to a said user's terminal;

     (e)     receiving a user's completed said service request form over the Internet, said form including a said user's input data required to perform said selected software service;

     (f)     performing said software service, including sending service result data over said Internet to said user's terminal;

     (g)     recording a record of said performing; and

     (h)     billing said user for said performing.


2.     A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said authenticating includes

     (a)     storing user valid authentication data in a database; and

     (b)     comparing a user entered log-in authentication data with said valid authentication data for a match.


3.     A method as recited in claim 2 wherein said authorization includes

     (a)     storing user valid authorization data in a database; and

     (b)     comparing a user entered log-in authorization data with said valid authorization data for a match.


4.     A method as recited in claim 2 further comprising sending a notice to said user if said log-in authentication data does not match said valid authentication data.

1    5.      A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising sending a notice to said user if said

2    log-in authorization data does not match said valid authorization data.

1    6.      A system for providing a software application service over the Internet comprising:

2         (a)    a web top server for providing a user interface to a software applications service

3    over the Internet;

4         (b)    a database server for storing software application persistent data and for

5    performing software application computing in response to input data; and

6         (c)    an application server for performing a business function related to said software

7    application service, and for processing communication between said web top server and said

8    database server, and for providing said input data.

1    7.      A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said web top server includes presentation

2    functionality for providing display screen data to a client terminal.

1    8.      A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said business function includes recording software

2    application service provided to a user.

1    9.      A system as recited in claim 8 wherein said business function includes preparing billing

2    data for use in billing a user for software application service provided.

1    10.    A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said software computing includes preparing result

2    data for transmission to a client terminal through said applications server and said web top

3    server.

1    11.    A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said input data includes user supplied input data.

2   12.   A system as recited in claim 6 wherein said software application computing includes

3   preparing result data for transmission to a client terminal, including transmission through said

4   web top server.